

INCREASED CAPABILITIES OF LAND-BASED MEDICAL

- Use of newly purchased current technology ultrasound equipment
- Immediate diagnosis of thyroid nodules and ability to do immediate fine needle aspiration or thyroid surgery locally in the RMI
- Use of modern surgical operating rooms for thyroid nodule aspirations and surgical removal of gastrointestinal tumors
- Certified mammography equipment at Kwajalein which meets the higher more stringent U.S. mammography standards for mammography equipment and technician qualifications
- Better radiography capabilities and diagnostics permitting immediate follow-up, additional tests and surgery when needed
- Continued visits to infirmed patients in their homes at Mejjatto and Utirik with ability to provide full diagnostics and tests of samples taken at land-based facilities right after the island visit
- Upgrade of laboratory diagnostic equipment with latest technologies
- Ability to do endoscopic intestinal examinations to rule out/confirm presence of gastrointestinal tumors immediately
- More rapid resolution of medical problems without the delay involved in referral to the Straub Clinic in Honolulu
- Shared use of diagnostic equipment in between our missions
- Greater ability to share consultations in the 177 Health Care Programs as time permits
- Economic benefits include use of leased RMI airline, hotel and local meals in the RMI community environments
- Per Diem costs to local patients traveling to land-based facilities